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All past news has a tendency to transform itself into something else. All sorrow, follies and errors have their edges wonderfully softened off by retrospection. They become possessions rather than detriments.

ALTHOUGH a young couple are said to be married as soon as the lady has changed her name, the truth is that the real marriage is a long, slow, intergrown, like that of two trees planted quite close together in the forest.

One of the plainest of human rights is the right to be let alone and to be allowed the privilege of exercising one's benevolent faculties and extending one's sympathies in whatever direction we prefer—a right which cannot be invaded without tyranny.

He who despoils the whole people may disburse in contributions to the church money wrong from widows and orphans, and his pastor will warmly pronounce him "one of the truest of men," and express entire indifference to his business methods. It is a peculiar system of public morals that makes it a crime to rob one man and an admirable accomplishment to rob a community.

The secret of success in life is to keep busy—to be persevering, patient and untiring in the pursuit or calling that is being followed. The busy ones may now and then make mistakes, but it is better to risk these than to be idle and inactive. Keep doing whether it be at work or recreation. Motion in life and the most important of all. Cheerful active labor is a blessing. A philosopher says, "The happy shines only when on the wing; so it is with the mind. When once we rest, we darken."

Novels and plays have been written and sermons preached upon the miserable lot of the man once convicted of theft. Never can he live down his crime. Positions of trust are closed to him. Society shuts its doors. The tongue of gossip is ever ready to put malicious interpretation upon his most innocent acts. For the violation of the law there seems to be no forgiveness. How differently is the man regarded who, instead of stealing from an individual or a corporation, despoils the whole people.

The physical and moral betterment of the condition of life at present over the past is evident to any student who has given any time and thought to the onward movement of man in history. It may be doubted whether the world was ever better or ever happier since the faded golden age than it is today. Certainly, as respects women, her condition has immeasurably improved even within the memory of those living, and this improvement would not have been possible except through a corresponding improvement in men in their notions of true liberty and justice.

There is, possibly, no remedy for the pessimistic tone of modern literature excepting in the one remedy for which the world has long been looking—the release from want and sin. As long as we sit in their toils we must look for their trail across the pages of our books. Much as we may profess to long for something different with which to divert our minds, we yet would scoff at the writer who painted us as much happier and better than we are. We are subject to a diversity of tastes, and are prone to prefer to see vice and virtue distinctly labeled in our story books; the villainy very black indeed, and the virtue of a superlative quality. The writer who spreads these commodities out liberally, so as to give a little to each of his characters, does not please the average reader. The least imaginative mind is the one which revolts at genuine realism.

Every one is liable to intrusiveness, but the kinder and more sympathetic natures are the most exposed to its influence. The cross-grained and selfish man has his time and thoughts to himself; few care to run the risks of interfering with his privacy, few venture to ask a favor of him or to appeal to him for sympathy or aid, and he is generally left in unenviable solitude. But while his warm-hearted and benevolent neighbor certainly does not court such isolation, he is often seriously hampered by the opposite extreme. His good nature is imposed upon by those who have no claim upon him; he is called on to make sacrifices of time and strength which he cannot rightly afford, and he is often forced into the unpleasant dilemma of choosing either to appear ungracious and unkind, or to neglect his plain duties and positive obligations. Upon this rock not a few persons of amiable disposition but weak will have foundered and been wrecked.

This remedy for the prevalent crime of embarrassment, if there be one, will have to strike pretty deep into human motives and pretty close to the root of all evil. The great wealth is in almost every case the first incentive. If it is accompanied by moral weakness which will allow man to use, even temporarily, that which does not belong to him, it is plied to receive with open arms the temptation to embarrassment. The slightly different phase of this passion for money, which is represented by the gambling vice, is also a frequent incentive to the larger offense. No single law of prevention or punishment will effectually relieve it. It is truly on the increase, it is because American life is too exacting in its demands and because men hold too high that form of public approbation which is to be bought with money. When they descend to the consciousness that a successful case will not wholly extricate them they find several reasons for proceeding with it, and only one, the fear of possible retribution, for desisting.

A NARROW ESCAPE

Lightning Wrecks in Editor's House, But the Inmates Are Not Injured.

A SHOOTIST TAKES TO THE WOODS.

A Dispute Over Twenty-Five Cents Results in the Killing of Vincenzo Capero.

KEMP, Tex., April 26.—During a thunder storm Saturday night a bolt of lightning struck the residence of Editor Drew of the Kemp Herald, setting it on fire and considerably wrecking the inside of the dwelling and furniture. Mrs. Drew and two children were sleeping on a feather bed near the center of the room and escaped unhurt. Mr. Drew and his little son, sleeping in an adjoining room, were also unhurt. The escape of the inmates of the house is regarded as miraculous. The rollers under the bed in which Mrs. Drew and children were sleeping were knocked out. The glass mirror and bureau were torn to pieces and particles of glass were driven through an inch door on the opposite side of the room. By heroic efforts on the part of Mrs. Drew and her son, the house was saved from burning. The bolt of lightning passed through the floor, striking an oak block, throwing fragments of the same 100 feet.

Genial Smallop.

DAINGERFIELD, Tex., April 25.—A telegram from Dr. C. O. Matthews of Belton to Dr. B. N. Nolan of this place states that the cases sent to this place for treatment of smallpox and measles have been reduced to a minimum. Dr. Nolan has not returned and reported. News came in yesterday that Mr. Nolan had died Saturday night with smallpox. Several others were down with it and a large number have been there and exposed. Everybody in this town are greatly alarmed. The doctor who is expected to take over the cases is Dr. Nolan. It is also reported that it was brought from southern Texas by a party by the name of Stromas.

A Dead Soldier.

EAGLE PASS, Tex., April 24.—Bob Dowe, customs inspector, while on a scout down the river Friday discovered a dead United States soldier on an island in the Rio Grande. The body was in a bad state of decomposition, and appeared to have been dead for some time. The Mexicans at the house ranch had noticed the body lying there some ten days ago, but had not had time to come to town and notify the authorities. The dead man's name was Webb and was mislaid from Capt. Wessell's command from the white camp at Eagle Pass. The impression was that he had deserted. He had been acting queerly for some time and when last seen was walking toward Eagle Pass. He had on his clothing a pair of spurs when found.

Trouble at Camptown.

BREKHAM, Tex., April 25.—There was trouble at a colored church at Camptown Thursday night. A member of the church was having a trial upon charges of a highly sensational and scandalous nature, preferred by another member. The church folks were in a state of confusion, and had their houses of worship guarded by the police. During the trial Officer John Lockett heard a brick with his head and hit the church. He rushed in the direction the missile came from and captured Alton Moore, who was fired the next day for disturbing the peace.

A Flying Scene.

DALLAS, Tex., April 25.—About 8 o'clock last night a colored man was observed flying up Camp street with another colored man in hot pursuit. They had not run far before the pursuer shot him in the leg with a shotgun, but he seemingly aimed too high as the shot was heard to rattle among the shingles of the Gould building, while the only effect on the flying dandy was to quicken his pace so that he fairly bounded over the street. A moment later and both parties had disappeared without anybody being able to tell the cause of the trouble.

A Bad Man Hunts the Sheriff.

GAINEVILLE, Tex., April 26.—A family feud at Caliburg culminated Saturday in the shooting of one factor attempting to shoot a man by the name of Green. Green was in a barber's chair when Mosley entered and attempted to shoot him, but was prevented by the barber, who knew the pistol up just as he fired. Green ran through the back door and the man fired at him, but missed. The shooter then took to the woods and has not yet been captured.

Killed for a Quarter.

JEFFERSON, Tex., April 26.—Sunday evening Sam Culbertson, son of J. H. Culbertson, Eng. shot and killed Vincenzo Capero. They disputed about 25 cents. Capero left his home on state and returned with a pistol, presented it at Culbertson and fired. Culbertson shooting about the same time. A preliminary trial was had over the case yesterday, testimony morning but was granted in the sum of \$1500, which Culbertson readily gave.

The Deadly Musket.

ROBERTSON, Tex., April 25.—Last night a difficulty occurred in the Fifth ward which resulted in the death of Andy Sanders at the hands of Sophie Jones. The dispute was over a small sum of money. Sanders was shot in the chest and died instantly. Sophie was arrested and jailed.

Instantly Killed.

HOBBSVILLE, Tex., April 25.—A most distressing accident occurred about 9 o'clock yesterday evening in which a lady named Mrs. Robert Farrel lost her life. She was watching a colored man playing on Preston street and being quite deaf she did not hear an approaching electric car. She was struck by it, knocked down and killed instantly.

Seriously Scalded.

WACO, Tex., April 26.—A little child of Philip Hong was seriously if not fatally scalded here yesterday. The mother had filled a tub with hot water and turned away for a moment, when the child overturned it with the result mentioned.

Remarkable Fatality.

PALESTINE, Tex., April 24.—A remarkable fatality seems to have been visited upon the House family of this

city within the past few months. About three months ago a James E. House, night yardmaster at the Frisco freight train, on which he was working, was killed, leaving a bride of three years. About two weeks ago A. B. House, a brother of Yardmaster House of this city, was stabbed in an affray at Springfield, Mo., from the effects of which he died last Monday. On the same day of his death another brother, C. B. House, had one foot cut off while breaking in the yards at Springfield. Friday night W. H. House, the yardmaster aforesaid, happened to an accident that caused him losing his life. He was climbing upon a box car when one of the hand holds broke, causing him to fall between the moving cars and crushing one hand between the bumpers.

WAS NOT SUICIDE.

Charles E. Henry Indicted for Murder by the Grand Jury.

DALLAS, Tex., April 24.—Charles E. Henry, well-known sportsman, indicted by the grand jury yesterday charged with killing Irene Russell, a fallen woman, who was found dead near the grain elevator on the morning of the 16th inst., with a bullet wound through the head. The body was covered between 8 and 9 o'clock and her body was still warm. A 32-caliber pistol was near her with one chamber empty, and the theory of suicide was generally accepted. She was reared in the city of Lancaster, Pa., though she had led a life of debauchery about two years, traces of beauty and youth were still imprinted on her face. However, a day or two after her body was discovered Officer Alexander of this city secret service obtained a clew which to his mind displaced the suicide theory. He went to work on it and soon had the crime fastened on Henry, who had been living with her and had several times threatened her life. Henry is said to have killed a fallen woman in Denver, Colo., but was acquitted on the plea of insanity.

Massey Must Die.

SHERMAN, Tex., April 23.—Sam Massey was indicted yesterday. The evidence was overwhelming, with no witnesses in his defense. Massey is the negro brute charged with the heinous crime committed at the residence of William Smith two days from this city, on the night of Feb. 29, and for which he so narrowly escaped lynching. The lawyers for the defense were laboring under embarrassing surroundings, but made one of the best defenses ever made in behalf of a man who positively offered no evidence, not even his own. The jury remained out about two hours. In the meantime the prisoner had been removed from the court room to the jail, and when the jury came to the prisoner's counsel announced that he had waived the privilege of being present at the reading of the verdict. The court then turned to the jury, asked them if they were satisfied with the verdict and they answered affirmatively, and the foreman then handed the verdict to the clerk, who read as follows: "We, the jury, find the defendant guilty as charged in the indictment and assess his punishment at death."

The Cotton Crop.

ARLINGTON, Tex., April 25.—Statistician Dodge in the April report of the department of agriculture draws attention to the fact that in 1890 the cotton crops of the United States, British India, Egypt and Brazil aggregated 12,085,641 bales of 500 pounds each and that the consumption of Europe and America was 9,374,600 bales and of India factories about 1,000,000 bales, leaving an excess of 1,710,941 bales in the world. Of the amount produced in 1890 America contributed the lion's share of course, 8,652,597 bales more being counted in the cotton movement while the statistician of the New Orleans exchange Mr. Hecker estimates that the actual crop was fully 8,900,000 bales, the excess left on plantations going over to swell the crop of 1891-92. There is every reason to believe that the cotton crop actually produced last year was every bit as great as that produced the year before and these facts show how important it is that less cotton should be planted this year.

The Unloaded Gun.

BENICHELL, Tex., April 23.—Little Nettie Henry, the 6-year-old daughter of Mr. James Henry, who lives in the Thompson creek neighborhood, seven miles south of this place, was accidentally shot and instantly killed by her 10-year-old brother, Milton Henry. Two of the Henry boys had a gun on the gallery, and the brother holding the gun in his hand placed it on the floor of the gallery and was to let it to turn out some horses. While he was going to the lot the younger brother loaded the gun and when the boy returned he took it in his hand and not knowing it was loaded, began to take him and snap it at a post that was standing in the direction of the lot. The child was playing between the house and lot, and as the gun was discharged caught the load in the side of the head, killing her instantly.

Found Dead.

PALESTINE, Tex., April 24.—About a week ago a stranger, giving his name as Charles Stone, stopped at the Hackett house here. He said he was a railroad man and came here to get a job, but would have to wait until the roadmaster came. Friday night about 7 o'clock he was found in his room dead. The body was sent for to the town and held an inquest. A morphine bottle containing a mixture of that drug and whiskey was found in the room. It was about half full. Whether he had taken the mixture with suicidal intent or had been addicted to the morphine habit and had taken an overdose, could not be determined.

Singletree vs. Razor.

DELLA, Tex., April 25.—Sam Goff and Henry Ward, two gentlemen of color had a "rucks" Saturday morning. Sam had a razor while Henry had a singletree and for once the razor was defeated. Both parties are under bond to appear before his honor.

HOME AND FOREIGN.

Gleanings from Crime's Calendar Served to Suit the General Rush.

SERIOUS AND SENSATIONAL SORTINGS.

Cable Flasher from Foreign Shores With Late News of National Moment.

Black diphtheria prevails throughout Jeffersonville, O. Gold has been discovered near White Oak, N. H. Hogs in many sections of Tennessee are dying of cholera.

World's fair people are crowding clamorous for money. The fleet of cruisers for Behring sea has been made up. The droggists of Florida have perfected an organization.

Senator Allison says he is not a presidential candidate. Half of the Anaconda mine has been closed down indefinitely. Johnston, Pa., is flooded with counterfeit paper money.

A very small acreage of peanuts is being planted in Virginia. Rich gold discoveries have been made near Rapid City, S. D. A small boom factory has been discovered near Rockport, N. Y.

Texas' weather crop bureau reports a two week's backward season. Gold in paying quantities has been discovered near Teakarna, Ark. A Pittsburg lawyer was robbed and nearly killed by footpads recently.

The two anti-trust distilleries at Peoria, Ill., will be working Nov. 1. Editor Flahback of the Terre Haute Express is in jail for contempt of court. Officers of the New York rubber trust have been accused of gross fraud.

Flagrant abuses have sprung up in the construction of federal buildings. The Michigan fruit outlook is promising, but what is below the average. A New Jersey negro recently strangled her 3-year-old daughter to death.

A Methodist minister of Madison, Ga., been accused of having three wives. Chief Redstone, the Assiniboin Indian, has been cured of blindness in Chicago.

An expired salt trust combination has been renewed for five years at San Francisco. A Louisville, Ky., man has just paid a friend \$2 that he borrowed forty years ago.

A gun went off accidentally at Bloomington, Ind., and killed John P. Chambers. Delaware farmers have sent resolutions to congress denouncing the sugar trust.

Building and loan associations of fifteen states are forming a national organization. Negro food suffers at Jael Miss, refuse to work, expecting comment at all.

A recent tornado in Virginia killed a number of people and did other heavy damage. Sidney J. Wilson, confined in jail at Cleveland, Ark., recently, tried commit suicide.

Ex-Counsel J. A. Halderman wife of Leavenworth, Kan., have quietly divorced. An Illinois farmer recently downed a bear, fired it and then shot himself.

The Bridgeport Conn. board of voters to contribute \$5000 to the state World's fair fund. The United States has indemnified Italy for the New Orleans lynchings by payment of \$25,000.

A great deal of valuable land is being washed down the Missouri river above Atkinson, Kan. The Italian newspapers express satisfaction over the settlement of the New Orleans difficulty.

A stockholder has preferred sensational charges of artificial dividends against the cordage trust. Chicago ladies will build a hotel where poor women visitors to the fair can be lodged and fed.

Gardner, the young man who guided Dr. Parkhurst among the dives, has sued his wife for divorce. For the first time in the history of the world cotton was gained by electricity at Auburn, Ala., recently.

Thomas Rathmet suicided with strychnine a few days ago at Pierre, S. D., because his girl jilted him. The supreme court of the state of Pennsylvania has decided that the oleomargarine law is constitutional.

At Xenia, O., recently, a bullet from a rifle struck and exploded a keg of powder, blowing up a store. A pine box containing the remains of a young child were found near Birmingham, Ala., a few days ago.

Herbert Parvey, a 14-year-old boy, committed suicide in his father's barn at Earville, Wis., recently by hanging. Junction City, Kas., has sued to oust its city officials for failure to enforce the law against "joint" keepers.

The secretary of the treasury has asked for the resignation of Immigration Inspector Mulholland at New York. The Illinois Central railroad will have to rebuild their road through Alabama on account of the recent floods.

Robert Neal and an unknown miner were instantly killed by falling stone in a coal mine at Brazil, Ind., recently. Two prominent citizens of Little Rock, Ark., engaged in a duel with knives recently, resulting in the death of one.

The loss of life in the flooded district of Mississippi is now estimated at 250. Almost all the victims are negroes. Mrs. Ann Holden, an old resident of Augusta, Ill., was found dead in bed from heart disease a few mornings ago.

The British syndicate has lost its contract for an interoceanic railway through Honduras and American syndicates secured it. The superior court of Kentucky has decided that a man's mother-in-law is part of his family, and that he must support her.

E. D. Campbell, professor of quantitative analysis in the University of Michigan, has lost his eyes by an explosion of gas. At Jackson, Miss., recently, a Jew

and a Catholic lady were married by a justice of the peace in the woods a mile from town.

Young Mrs. Blaine-Nevins says she will publish in a few days the love letters that passed between her and her ex-husband.

Sloux City, Ia., jobbers have called a convention to agitate the establishment of a new line of packet boats to the Missouri river.

Five colored women recently made speeches before the Kentucky legislative railroad committee against the separate coach bill.

Wm. Thome of Valparaiso, Ind., a brakeman on the Grand Trunk railroad, has both his legs cut off recently at Redstone.

John Ewing and wife have been arrested at Fort Madison, Ia., charged with frightfully beating, burning and starving a foster child.

Mrs. Phoebe James of Kalamazoo, Mich., who was separated from her daughter thirty-four years ago, has found her at Aurora, Ill.

Jim Scott, a negro of Jackson, Miss., recently killed his wife and created her because she didn't have his dinner ready on time.

The circuit court at Indianapolis holds that railroad companies can enforce the rule requiring passengers to buy tickets or pay extra fare.

The petrified body of a man, weighing 400 pounds and over six feet in height, was recently found in a quicksand in miles from Greeley, Col.

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NICARAGUA CANAL.

A Convention Wanted to Push This Great Scheme to Successful Issue.

TWO WOMEN MEET A FIERY DEATH.

A Jealous Husband Kills His Wife, Shoots Her Lover and Then Slays Himself.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 26.—An address to the American people the people prepared by the committee appointed to arrange for a national Nicaragua canal convention at St. Louis next June. The committee submits that in this age of commercial activity the United States must push trade and commerce or it will lose its foreign market and suffer financial depression. The committee holds that nothing within the range of thought will accomplish so much for the country as the building of the great waterway. It will shorten the distance by sea between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts 10,000 miles and from the Pacific to Europe 7000 miles. It will open the commerce of the Pacific with the valley of the Mississippi gulf states and the far west will feel the vitalizing forces of new and better markets.

The address is a long one, and the committee holds that a Chinaman can enter American territory on proving a prior residence here.

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The khedive of Egypt has been invested with additional powers by the sultan of Turkey.

An anarchist at Havana, Cuba, recently, exploded a bomb at a church door during religious services. Bulgaria has made a bold demand on Turkey for two assassins who were freed through Russian intervention.

An attempt was recently made by anarchists to blow up a religious procession with dynamite at Cordoba, Spain. At Doornum, Germany, recently a woman named Krue and her son were beheaded for murdering the woman's husband.

An eminent British naturalist in a pamphlet on seal life upholds the position of the United States on the Behring sea. Several guns and other equipment are said to have been taken captive by the king of Danuony and will be held in event of an attack by France.

An insane man in a Spanish church recently attacked the priest with a sword and revolver, killing him and also shot and killed a priest and a layman.

Tobacco Frauds.

CHICAGO, April 24.—The full extent of the tobacco frauds committed

NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Important Happenings in the Various Departments of Government.

CONGRESSIONAL AND OTHER NEWS.

Senator McPherson Proposes Amendment to the Naval Appropriation Bill.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Senator McPherson yesterday introduced a proposed amendment to the naval appropriation bill, authorizing the construction of three double-turret iron steel harbor defense vessels of the monitor type, of a speed of fifteen knots in place of the single cruiser proposed by the house bill. They are to carry two 13-inch rifled guns and to be heavily armored as to be invulnerable to shot or shell. Half a million dollars is to be appropriated for torpedos boats and torpedos, submarines or otherwise, and in addition the construction of a first-class torpedo boat is authorized.

KILLED HIS SON-IN-LAW.

An Old Man's Very Revenge for the Whipping of His Daughter.

TEXARKANA, Ark., April 25.—About three years ago, at New Boston, Charles Kingwell married the daughter of old man J. D. Sharp. Since then two children have been born to the couple, but their relations appear to have not been pleasant. Saturday the news reached Sharp that Kingwell had whipped his wife and the old man went over to see about it. He found the wife crying and Kingwell down and beating his wife brutally. While receiving the blows the old fellow managed to draw his pistol and fired, the ball entering just below the heart and producing a fatal wound. Kingwell was breathing at last moments, with death momentarily expected. Sharp surrendered to the officers.

Fox and Borrower Fight.

BRUSSELS, April 25.—The much-talked-of duel between Edward Fox and Hallett Allison Borrower took place Sunday afternoon at a shooting at Newport-Baines, near Oostend, Wm. R. Bacon, Jr., of Boston acted as second for Fox and Harry Vane Milbank second for Borrower. It was arranged between the seconds and the principals that each should fire two shots at twelve paces and this programme was carried out. The weapons used were duelling pistols to caliber. When the word was given the two men fired simultaneously, the bullets striking each other, although the ball from Fox's pistol passed close to Borrower's head. The pistols were then reloaded by the seconds and handed to the duelists, both of whom fired promptly when the word was given. This time Borrower's bullet pierced his antagonist's coat in the region of the waist but Fox escaped unhurt. The seconds, in accordance with the conditions previously made, declared the duelists equal. No reconciliation was attempted and the contest and the duelists left the ground without having spoken to each other. The principals and seconds afterward took the boat at Oostend on their return to London. From Oostend Fox went to Brussels. The Belgian police made frantic efforts to capture the party. The penalty for duelling in Belgium being one month's imprisonment and a fine of \$40. The affair is not yet ended. There is now a row between Fox and Col. Tom Och